



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT WEEK

- WHEREAS: Each year, thousands of students enroll in professional and graduate degree programs through the State of Georgia's degree-granting universities. Across the country, millions of students are enrolled in graduate programs in a wide variety of fields; and
- WHEREAS: Graduate and professional educational opportunities attract exemplary students to Georgia universities from every corner of the state, across the country and around the world to further their education; and
- WHEREAS: The valuable research efforts of graduate and professional students help our state continue to lead in innovation; and
- WHEREAS: By furthering their education and contributing to university campuses, graduate and professional students are improving education today and preparing for a stronger, more capable workforce in the future; and
- WHEREAS: Graduate and professional students are future teaching professionals, researchers, and leaders for our state and nation. Every day, Georgians with advanced degrees are making significant contributions in business, law, medicine, government, social work, science, architecture and numerous other fields; and
- WHEREAS: During Graduate and Professional Student Week, organizations like the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students at Clark Atlanta University will celebrate the contributions of graduate and professional students and work to raise further awareness of the important roles these students have within America's colleges and universities; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2-6, 2018, as GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Rieley*  
CHIEF OF STAFF